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SUBJ: SHIP VISITS ASSOCIATED WITH KANGAROO II

1. RECENT DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH PRIMIN REGARDING KANGAROO II LIBERTH PORTS FOR BOTH CONVENTIONAL SHIPS AND NPW'S. DISCUSSIONS RE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACTIVELY PURSUED BY FEDERAL OFFICIALS WITH STATE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH NEW SOUTH WALES AND TASMANIA. PRIMIN INDICATES DESIRE TO ACCOMMODATE ENTERPRISE IN SYDNEY HARBOR IF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS CAN BE SATISFACTORILY SOLVED. BOTH PRIMIN AND I QUESTION WHETHER CONVENTIONAL SHIPS SHOULD PAY PORT CALLS TO STATES WHERE NPW'S ARE NOT
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WELCOME. NO DECISION ON THIS PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN MADE.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE GETTING MANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT ANTICIPATED PORT CALLS, SOCIAL EVENTS INCLUDING MARINE BALLS ARE ABOUT TO BE PLANNED. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC INQUIRIES AS FOLLOWS: A NUMBER OF U.S. NAVY SHIPS WILL TAKE PART IN KANGAROO II, AND FOLLOWING THE EXERCISE WILL WANT TO MAKE PORT CALLS IN AUSTRALIA. THE QUESTION AS TO WHICH PORTS IN WHICH STATES MAY BE REQUESTED FOR THE VARIOUS U.S. NAVY SHIPS HAS NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED.

3. FOR CINCPACFLT: IT IS SUGGESTED THAT OFFICIAL REQUESTS FOR PORT VISITS BY CONVENTIONAL SHIPS BE INITIATED SOON. IN THE EVENT WE WANT TO CHANGE SOME OF THE PORTS LATER, WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THAT BY A SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENT TO THE REQUEST.

4. I BELIEVE AN ADROIT HANDLING OF THE PRESENT SITUATION MAY BE HELPFUL IN CLEARING THE WAY FOR NPW VISITS IN NEW SOUTH WALES AND TASMANIA.

5. NAMES OF UNITS PARTICIPATING IN KANGAROO II WILL NOT BE RELEASED PRIOR TO 1 OCTOBER AS REQUESTED IN CINCPACFLT 150614Z SEP 76 (NOTAL).
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